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Mount Biggs Bulletin

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Welcome to the 2026 school year! It's been a positive and energetic start, and it has been wonderful to see our tamariki settling quickly into their learning routines. Classrooms are already humming with engagement, new friendships are forming, and students are embracing the opportunities that Term 1 brings. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a special group of children, dedicated staff, and a supportive community here at Mount Biggs School.

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our Welcome Back BBQ. It was fantastic to see so many whānau connecting, catching up, and enjoying time together. The sausage sizzle, swimming, and free ice cream were definitely highlights for the children! We are especially grateful to our Home and School Committee for organising Mrs Kool and her ice cream truck. It was a real treat and a wonderful way to start the year together.

There has been a lot of activity around the school over the holidays. We have been lucky to get several new heat pumps in classrooms and other learning spaces. The roofs have been cleaned, and new spouting has been put up. The windows and doors have also had some attention. We are awaiting new doors for the library space. It is great to have the new fencing finished as well.

We would also like to extend a massive thank you to everyone involved in our recent Golf Tournament. From our generous sponsors and prize donors to the players and parent support. You all made the event a tremendous success. This fundraiser plays an important role in supporting our senior camp. We are incredibly grateful for the time, effort, and community spirit that went into making it such a great day. A huge thank you to Chris, Claire, Mike and Alex and Kylie for all of the mahi in organising this event.

We have an exciting and busy term ahead, so please make sure you stay connected and keep up to date through:

✅ School Newsletter (like this one!)
✅ Skool Loop App – download it if you haven't already
✅ Facebook Page – follow us for regular updates and photos
✅ Email – important notices straight to your inbox

Tough Kid 2026 – Volunteers Needed!
Planning for Tough Kid is already well underway, and we're looking forward to another fantastic event. Schools from across the region are eager to be part of this incredible day,

which continues to be a major fundraiser for our school. A huge thank you to those who have already offered to help. More information will come out soon for those who can volunteer.

This event simply wouldn't be possible without the support of our community — we truly appreciate you.

Get Involved – Join Home and School
If you're new to Mount Biggs School or looking for a way to get involved, our Home and School Committee would love to welcome you. It's a great group of people who work hard behind the scenes to support our tamariki, while also having plenty of fun along the way.

If you're interested in joining or learning more, please email:
homeandschool@mountbiggs.school.nz

New members are always welcome — come along and see what it's all about!

Here's to a fantastic 2026 filled with learning, growth, and connection.

Ngā mihi nui,
Mount Biggs School

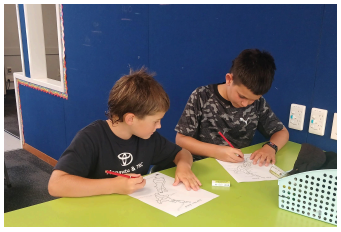
School Reminders	*School Dates*
Stay Connected! *For event updates and reminders, please keep and eye on:* *Newsletters & emails* *Skool Loop App* *School Facebook page*	*March* *4th- Interschool Triathalon* *6th- Swimming Sports - Makino* *11th- Kainui Senior Swimming* *18th- Kainui Junior Swimming* *18th- Grip Leadership Year 7⁄8* *27th - Tough Kids* *30th - 2nd April - Senior Camp* *2nd April - Last day of Term 1*

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Room 1






We have had a great start to the year in Room 1. Our focus for the first couple of weeks is to set up our routines, expectations and get something up on our walls. It is awesome to see old friendships reconnect and the year 6's stepping up as leaders within the class.

Swimming
Christina is volunteering again for swimming. This is a big push in class as Vertical Horizons have a swimming test. Our goal is to ensure that everyone can confidently swim freestyle ready for camp.

Room 1 will have Whaea Justine every couple of weeks. We have spent Monday building good connections in class with her.

Room 2






The year is off to a great start in Room 2! Our new Year 3's are settling in well and mastering their daily routines. We're very lucky to have Christina back with us to help with swimming lessons.

We began the term with some fun icebreakers. Currently, the kids are having a blast playing a guessing game with their classmates' facts to see how well they really know each other.

On Monday, **Epic Music** visited for an "Epic" performance. The students loved exploring different musical genres and seeing a variety of instruments in action.

We are busy learning about our Pepeha and focusing on how each part can help us build stronger relationships with those around us.

Room 3







Room 3 has burst into the year with a fantastic start! The children have come in each day with big smiles, lots of enthusiasm, and are quickly settling into our classroom routines.

We've been busy learning all about ourselves and our friends. From sharing special things about who we are and exploring our pepehas, to creating colourful self-portraits and graphing our feelings and favourite things, the classroom has been buzzing with conversation, creativity, and connection.

One of the highlights this week was the EPIC concert! The children loved learning more about music and had an absolute blast showing off their awesome dance moves — there was plenty of energy, rhythm, and fun to go around!

Room 4





It has been a great start to the year! Our classrooms are already buzzing with energy as tamariki settle into the rhythm of intermediate life.

We have been working on Manaia Art and Visual Pepehas. The manaia protects, balances and guides us. These projects have enabled students to explore their identities.

We have been swimming every day, focusing on water safety, stroke technique, and having fun in the sun.

A major focus has been on building our class culture. We've been discussing what it truly means to be an "intermediate" student—stepping up as leaders, embracing

	increased independence, and learning about Respect, Responsibility and doing the Right thing.

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School Certificates

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Room 3	**Room 4**
Week 2 	Week 2 

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